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Fight for presidency of Congress is seen developing at session

By LEWIS LEVENDEL
CJN Associate Editor

TORONTO –

Two national executive members of the Canadian Jewish Congress – lawyers Sydney M. Harris of Toronto and Perry Meyer of Montreal – are expected to battle for the organization's presidency at the 17th Plenary Assembly here next month.

Harris, national vice-president for the Central Region, has already announced his candidacy. McGill Law Professor Meyer, Congress treasurer, has not declared himself yet, but is expected to do so prior to the convention.

If Meyer joins the fray, it will be only the second time there has been an open fight for the top position. Sol Kanee of Winnipeg, completing a three-year term as president, cannot succeed himself, according to the Congress constitution.

The only other Congress election for the presidency took place six years ago when Monroe Abbey defeated Lavy Becker. Both are from Montreal.

Both Harris and Meyer are long-time, and highly-regarded Congress leaders. Observers say the next three years will be vitally important to the organization in that Saul Hayes (retiring executive vice-president) won't be at the helm and it's likely the personality of the new president will play a very dominant role.

Holy Blossom Temple Rabbi Gunther Plaut, who was asked by many to be a candidate, expressed interest in the position. However, his congregation conveyed its preference that he not be a candidate. He adhered to their wishes.

If elected president at the triennial convention at the Royal York, June 15-18, Harris, 57, would be the first president from Toronto. He told **The Canadian Jewish News** it's always been incomprehensible to him that Congress, a national body, has never had a president from the Central Region.

At the last convention in Montreal in 1971, he said it was considered likely that the next president would come from the Central Region. If Rabbi Plaut would have been a candidate, Harris said he still would have remained in the field.

Among other organizational positions held by Harris were chairman of the Central Region from 1968 to 1971, chairman of the national and regional Joint Community Relations Committees, and national chairman of the Committee of Soviet Jewry of Congress, B'nai B'rith and the Canadian Zionist Federation.

Harris says he stands for the strengthening of Congress as the central body of the Canadian Jewish community. And he would like Congress to take a stand on "the general moral issues

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Kanee says need is for new setup

By A.J. ARNOLD
Special to The CJN

WINNIPEG –

A restructuring of community organization across the country is the most pressing domestic need facing the Jewish community, according to Sol Kanee of Winnipeg, who will complete his term as national president of Canadian Jewish Congress at the coming Plenary Assembly in Toronto in June.

"I say the need is pressing advisedly," Kanee declared, "because of great external pressures due to several factors. These include shifting population, particularly the growth in the Toronto Jewish community, and changes in the social and economic status of many Jewish people.

"There is also the growing assumption by government of social responsibilities previously borne by local community groups. This is particularly noticeable in Quebec, but it is happening in other provinces as well."

Asked about the most recent developments in Montreal, Kanee felt that being at a distance he could not comment directly on the conflicting views which emerged at the recent Eastern Region conference of Congress. He suggested, however, that "to the extent that what happened represents the concern of the community about the funding of Jewish education it is high time the Montreal Jewish community creates a single mechanism for the purpose of placing Jewish education on a sound basis.

"What this really means," Kanee emphasized, "is that Congress in Montreal and the Allied Jewish Community Services have to be brought together in a far greater degree of co-operation than heretofore – even a merger if necessary.

"A body must be created to which all elements of the community can, with confidence, entrust the future of Jewish education.

"If this is brought about," he continued, "it will enable the Montreal Jewish community to manage its affairs in terms of domestic and overseas responsibilities in a much more productive way." He suggested this should result in "removing the overlapping and duplication of services and bring about a much more efficient use of available manpower and woman power."

Kanee asserted that the external forces of which he spoke "are having a profound impact on the relationship of Congress with major local bodies such as AJCS in Montreal and the Welfare Fund in Toronto.

"Jewish Welfare Funds are now being largely relieved of the burden of social welfare costs, formerly their main focus. To the ex-

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Memorable gathering to feature Dayan

TORONTO –

On Tuesday, June 11, Toronto will welcome leaders from across the country in welcoming Defence Minister Moshe Dayan, one of the great heroes in the struggle for an independent state of Israel.

The occasion is the 1974 Freedom Guardian Dinner under the sponsorship of the national officers of Canada State of Israel Bonds, and the host committee, Toronto State of Israel Bonds. Toronto has been chosen as the only city in Canada and one of the three on the North American continent at which Gen. Dayan will deliver major addresses on his forthcoming visit.

The dinner will take place at Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Avenue, with an expected capacity attendance of leading Israel Bond supporters from Toronto and other Canadian communities. Admission to the Freedom Guardian Dinner is open to paid-up purchasers of a minimum of $2,500 in Israel Bonds in 1974.

Prominent personalities in Canadian Jewish life who are taking part in the arrangements and program of the June 11th dinner include Allan Bronfman, president, State of Israel Bonds of Canada; George A. Cohon, president, Canada Israel Prime Minister's Club, who will serve as dinner chairman; Jack Israeli, general chairman, Toronto State of Israel Bonds; Morris B. Kaufman, Toronto, chairman arrangements and table host committee, and Harry L. Solomon, president, Toronto Israel Prime Minister's Club heading a sponsoring committee who will host a reception for Gen. and Mrs. Dayan and members of the Israel Prime Minister's Club.

Members of the National Sponsoring Committee include: General Campaign Chairman Isadore Black, Peterboro; Alvin Druxerman, Winnipeg; David Granofsky, Montreal; Robert Jack, London; Henry Shanfeld, Windsor; Marvin Wasserman, Hamilton; Walter Viner, Kingston; and David Zelikovitz, Ottawa. Israel Prime Minister's Club presidents Art Fisher, Montreal, and Abe Gray, Vancouver, will also participate.

'TWAS A FAMOUS VICTORY'

Chaim Warner (seated centre), winner of the recent World Bible Contest in Israel, shares some memories with fellow competitors from Toronto, and their teachers. From left are: Jacob Burke, principal of Associated Hebrew Day School; Chaim Cohen, who placed fifth; Avshalom Grafi, Israeli exchange teacher who prepared the boys for the contest; Rabbi Irwin Witty, executive director, Toronto Board of Jewish Education; Sheldon Goldhar, who placed sixth; and Dr. Alexander Brown, associate director of the Toronto Board. (J. El-Baz)

Middle East Analysis

Palestinians not to be ignored

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

After Kiryat Shemona and Maalot, it will be increasingly difficult to ignore the Palestinian Arabs.

Prior to these incidents, it appeared as if the diplomats had forgotten that Palestinian nationalism is a crucial element in Middle East politics.

A string of major events -- the Yom Kippur War, the energy crisis, the disengagement agreement between Egypt and Israel and the continuing tension on the Golan Heights -- lulled many into the mistaken belief that the Palestinians would not play an important role in any viable and just Middle East settlement.

In the bloody aftermath of Maalot, the Palestinians can no longer be brushed aside contemptuously. Like it or not, the Palestinians lie at the heart of the Arab-Israeli conflict, even if the facts suggest the guerrilla-terrorist organizations had no direct role to play in the outbreak of war on Oct. 6. Few observers, however, will deny the Palestinians were one of the prime instigators of the Six Day War, the Sinai Campaign and the War of Independence.

Despite the urgency and compelling nature of the Palestinian problem, there are priorities in the chancellories of the West and East. The first priority is to achieve a viable agreement as to the future of the Sinai Peninsula; the second need is to hammer out a genuine separation of forces on the Golan Heights.

Only after these objectives have been served will Washington and Moscow turn their attention to Jordan and then, perhaps, to the Palestinians as well.

Aside from great power rivalry, the complex Palestinian question is further complicated by the Palestinians themselves and by their alleged mentors, the Arab states.

The Palestinians are so divided along ideological and political lines that it is extremely difficult to determine what sort of a settlement would satisfy the majority of them. The hardcore militants led by Dr. George Habash, of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, have repeatedly indicated that they will not accept a Jewish, Zionist state in the Middle East. Yasser Arafat, the conservative who heads Fatah, is not reconciled to the idea of a Jewish nation, but he has recently hinted at accepting an autonomous Palestinian entity on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. One wonders, however, how such a hope can be reconciled with Israeli policy, which has yet to recognize the notion of Palestinian nationalism.

And then there are the one million Palestinians who live on the West Bank and in the Gaza Strip. Whose authority do they recognize or desire? The inhabitants of the West Bank are divided over the issue of whether they ought to accept the return of the Hashemites, and the Gazans don't really know if they wish to live under Egyptian rule. A fair number in both regions want to establish an independent state, but practically all of them are unanimous in their belief that the Israelis should withdraw.

Exacerbating the problem are the Arab states. While Libya and Iraq unequivocally call for the destruction of Israel, Syria wavers as it considers a disengagement accord with the Zionist enemy. While President Sadat says the national rights of the Palestinians must be restored (whatever they may mean), Cairo is all but prepared to accept the reality of Israel. While King Hussein's view of the Palestinians is not as harsh as it was a few years ago, it is doubtful whether he would allow them to usurp the West Bank.

While little Lebanon dutifully pays lip service to the holy Palestinian cause, it would like nothing better than to solve the problem once and for all.

For the time being, the Palestinians are relatively quiet, yet one remembers Revivim, Lod, Munich and Kiryat Shemona. When and where will the guerrillas strike next?

Cantor Shapiro is a girl fighting for recognition

By DEBORAH LIGHTSTONE

MONTREAL –

Services are in progress at the shul as on every Shabbat morning, the sound of men praying fills the air, and then the cantor's voice emerges, strong, clear -- and unmistakably female.

Will heads turn, will surprise or shock ripple through the congregation?

Not if 21-year-old Elaine Shapiro, a second year student and the only female at the Cantors Institute of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America has her way.

For this pretty and strong-willed young woman is determined to be a hazzan -- or rather, hazzanit. As she sees her role, that means being "a 'shaliach tzibur', an emissary between the congregation and God, who will inspire the congregation and make the prayers come alive as though they were being said by those who wrote them."

She demonstrated her capabilities recently at a women's service held during the 26th annual spring conference of the Eastern Canadian Branch of the Women's League for Conservative Judaism.

A cantor's cap crowning her shoulder-length brown hair and a long blue gown revealing nyloned high-heeled feet, she chanted and sang the liturgical parts of the service in beautiful melody and with obvious feeling.

But proven talent has so far not assured Ms. Shapiro of official recognition by the Conservative movement to which she belongs.

Elaine Shapiro davening in a Montreal synagogue.

Unlike the Reform stream, it does not welcome women as rabbis and cantors.

While Elaine is permitted to study at the Cantors Institute of the JTS, upon graduating she will not be awarded the title of cantor, as will her fellow male students.

If she is qualified there is nothing to prevent Elaine from working as a cantor providing a congregation accepts her. However, without a diploma and what it implies, she feels she may have difficulty in finding a job.

Rabbi Allan Langner of where Elaine performed, explained that according to the Talmud, at one time women did function as cantors, but they were later eased out because it was felt that since they had so many duties at home, it was unfair to impose an extra chore on them.

Israel and Soviets may resume diplomatic ties

TEL AVIV (JCNS) –

A three-man Soviet delegation hinted in Tel Aviv at possibilities for a resumption of diplomatic relations between the Soviet Union and Israel broken by Moscow during the 1967 Six Day War.

The delegation arrived in Israel to attend the annual celebrations marking the Allied victory over Nazi Germany in 1945.

Prof. Joshua Jortner, the vice-president of Tel Aviv University, told Prof. Ilya Alexandrovich, the pro-rector of Moscow University that there was a sincere wish in Israel for exchange visits by scholars, artists and sportsmen between their two countries and "not to talk politics." But Prof. Alexandrovich replied that "it is impossible not to talk politics."

Later the members of the Soviet delegation joined a panel with a number of Israeli professors, including two Soviet-Jewish immigrants, Prof. Boris Moishezon, a mathematician, and V.D. Milman, who sat grim-faced during the discussions.

Anatoly Smirnov, another member of the Soviet delegation, told the panel that the Soviet government's position had remained unchanged since 1947 when it recognized the historical rights of the Palestinians.

Smirnov alleged that Britain had then adopted a different policy and he emphasized the disagreement which Gromyko, the Soviet foreign minister, had expressed over Israel's policy. "You are clever people," Smirnov said, "and it astonishes me you do not base your policy on realities. Diplomatic ties will be restored (between Israel and the Soviet Union) when obstacles which led to the break are overcome."

Smirnov denied that the Soviet Union was indifferent to Israel's security. "Israel's right to exist," he stated, "was reaffirmed in Moscow by the secretary-general of the World Peace Movement during the October War and the Soviet Union is prepared to guarantee your borders jointly with other powers within the framework of the United Nations, backed by the UN Emergency Force."

Sen. Humphrey opposes...

'Aiding oil rich Arabs'

NEW YORK (JTA) –

Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey (D. Minn.) declared here that he opposes U.S. assistance "for rich Arab oil countries" and said he will not support President Nixon's request for $250 million in economic aid to Egypt until he is assured all nations, including Israel, will have the right of passage through the Suez Canal.

Addressing some 2,500 people attending the National Assembly of the Jewish National Fund at a gala salute to the land and people of Israel at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, Humphrey said: "It is important for us to achieve normal relations with Arab countries," but added, "I do not see how the Congress can approve the president's request until we have the evidence that international law will be upheld."

Sen. Humphrey shared the platform with Jacob Tsur, world chairman of the JNF, who disclosed a new $6 million Bicentennial Project linking a large region southwest of Jerusalem with 200 years of American independence. The bicentennial project will also mark the 75th anniversary of the establishment of the JNF, the land reclamation and afforestation agency of the World Zionist movement.

Referring to the right of passage through the Suez Canal, Humphrey noted this was guaranteed to all nations under international law but has never been granted to Israel. "I call upon Secretary Kissinger to inform the Congress and the American people of assurances that he might have obtained from President Sadat of Egypt relating to Israeli use of the Suez Canal," he said.

Humphrey pointed out that when the waterway is reopened, the Soviet Navy will have access to it.

Zionists postpone campaign to 1975

TORONTO –

The Zionist Organization of Canada, at the request of the Jewish Agency, has postponed a major fund-raising drive, scheduled for this year, until 1975.

An agreement was reached in a meeting in Paris, France, last week between Arye Dulzin, Jewish Agency acting chairman, and ZOC President Daniel Monson and Executive Vice-President George Liban.

A statement released, by the ZOC, said it "will gear its total fund-raising efforts this year towards ensuring the overwhelming success of the United Israel Appeal throughout Canada . . . in view of the current critical financial situation in Israel and in order to underscore the paramount need for a solid united front for the support of the prime importance of the UIA as the major fund-raising commitment of Canadian and world Jewry."

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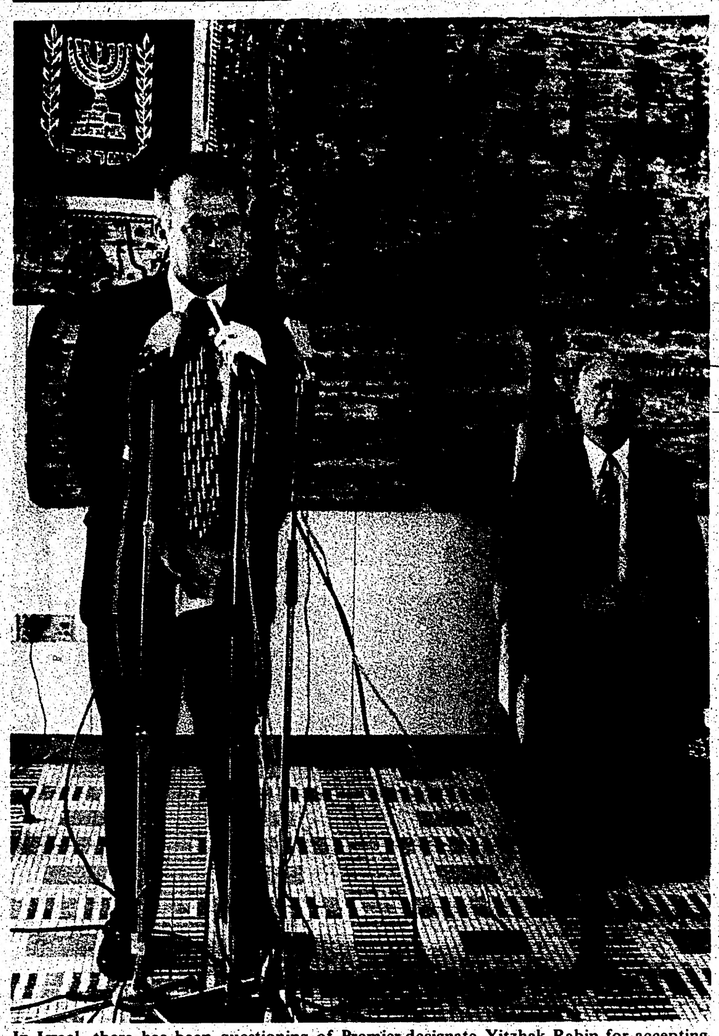

In Israel, there has been questioning of Premier-designate Yitzhak Rabin for accepting payments for giving lectures during his term as ambassador to the U.S. He is shown here making a speech in the home of President Katzir (right) after he was named to his post.

U.S. investigation of Nazis criticized as 'half-hearted'

WASHINGTON (JTA) –

Rep. Elizabeth Holtzman (D. NY) has accused the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service of conducting a "half-hearted, dilatory investigation" of more than 60 alleged Nazi war criminals believed to be living in the United States and demanded that the INS "demonstrate it means business and is simply not spinning wheels."

Addressing a press conference here, Rep. Holtzman, a member of the House Judiciary sub-committee on immigration, named nine of the alleged war criminals. She also released a letter and memorandum addressed to Leonard F. Chapman Jr. former Commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps, and INS in-Marine Corps, and INS Commissioner since last November, in which she charged that the INS investigation revealed "inaction, disorganization and lack of direction."

Ms. Holtzman charged specifically that while the ISN claimed to be giving "high priority" to its investigation of alleged Nazi war criminals residing in the U.S., its investigation was in fact headed by "three part-time bureaucrats without the background or authority to direct an investigation of this nature," nor does it have an experienced trial attorney to guide the investigation, she said.

Rep. Holtzman said further that the INS has not been in touch with the German or Israeli governments for pertinent data, has not checked the YIVO Institute in New York or the National Archives in Washington or checked with Soviet Jews now in Israel who may have information.

Rep. Holtzman, a Harvard-trained lawyer, said that the INS has compiled a list of 73 reported Nazi war criminals in the U.S. who were charged with "crimes of overwhelming enormity and horror." Allegations against some of the individuals named by the Congresswoman include the murder of 800 Jews in a single night in the Russian town of Chislovich; invention of methods of mass destruction used to kill 5000 Jews in Luboml; the extermination of inmates of the Ukrainian concentration camp at Tartu, Estonia's execution of 14,000 Jews and the administration of killings in Latvia; the supervision of slave labor shipments and the liquidation of Jews in Czerkassy, Ukraine. Jews, Serbs and Gypsies were among those liquidated by these war criminals, she said.

She said that of the alleged 73 war criminals believed to have entered the U.S. under false pretenses and thereby subject to deportation without statute of limitations, 36 have been identified; 17 others are unidentified and, to her knowledge, 13 are said to be dead. The whereabouts of seven are unknown. Rep. Holtzman said that 26 of the 43 alleged criminals known to be alive are naturalized U.S. citizens. Only three are known to be German nationals. Fifteen others are natives of Lithuania; 10 of the Ukraine or White Russia; six from Latvia; two from Yugoslavia; and one each from Hungary, Rumania and Estonia.

Rep. Holtzman reported that six of the alleged war criminals reside presently in New York City; six in Chicago; five in Los Angeles; three in Philadelphia; two each in Pittsburgh, Miami, Buffalo, Newark and Houston; and one each in Denver, San Diego, Seattle and Hammond, Ind.

Debate flares over payments to Rabin when ambassador

By ROYSTON ALLEN
CJN Israel Correspondent

TEL AVIV –

Yitzhak Rabin, premier designate on behalf of the Israeli Labor Party, has acknowledged giving lectures and speeches for payment during his term as Israeli envoy to the U.S., but he contends these were done outside the framework of his job as ambassador.

"This was the custom at the embassy before my arrival," Rabin stated in the local afternoon daily Maariv a few days after that journal published a story on his extra-curricular activities in the U.S.

Rabin quoted a section of the Civil Service Regulations which permits such activity provided it does "not provide a second occupation for the employee."

For several years now -- ever since Rabin returned to Israel after serving as envoy in Washington -- various newspapers have hinted at Rabin's outside money-making activities and questions have been asked in the Knesset.

"Despite these publications," Rabin was quoted as saying to Maariv, "I have not been requested by any official body for a clarification or explanation."

In an attempt to play down the "Rabin-lectures affair," several of his associates have told reporters here that other prominent Israelis -- "including several ministers" -- have received large payments in return for various appearances such as foreign television interviews.

The reference was almost certainly aimed at Defence Minister Moshe Dayan, just as he was reported to have agreed to write his memoirs for a fee of $450,000.

The fact that Rabin did not pay income tax on the monies he earned abroad also seems to be perfectly legal, since the earnings were neither "paid in Israel nor were in connection with his normal occupation," which at the time was that of diplomat.

Under these rules, Dayan's $450,000 could also be tax free, a fact which is going to arouse a great deal of indignation among salaried Israelis who are about the highest taxed people in the world.

The basic issue at stake, seems not to be whether Rabin's private income methods were legal or not but whether it is fitting for an ambassador to "sell himself" on the market. Many Israelis are mentally patting Rabin on the back for finding a nice, non-taxable "twilight" job while others are asking themselves if he didn't lower the tone of the office he held.

Israeli diplomats are among the worst paid in the world. Israel is a poor country and cannot afford to give its emissaries huge salaries.

Rabin however is far from a pauper. He still receives his military pension (as befits a former chief of staff), a healthy salary as a cabinet minister and any interest on the lump sum he received when he left the army -- reported to be several hundred thousand Israeli pounds.

The question remains: is it in good taste for a head of mission to twilight?

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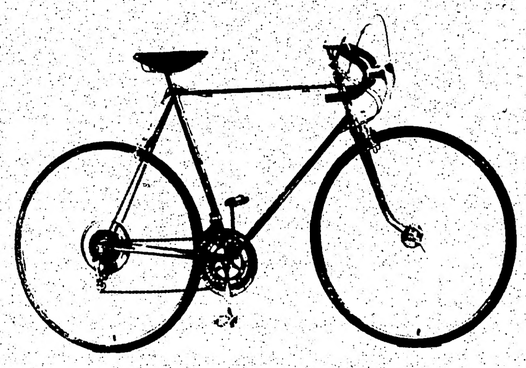

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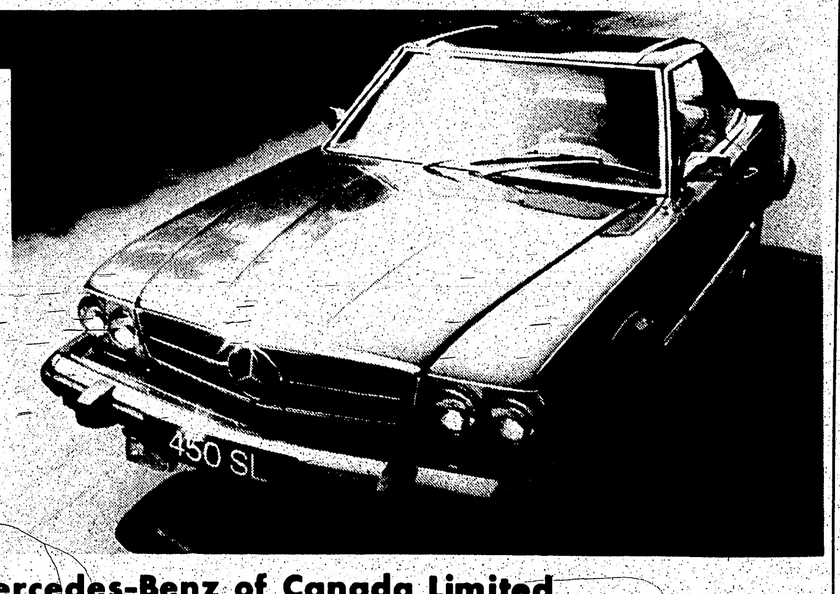

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Canadian Jewish Congress, Western Region, held a pre-Plenary Assembly delegate conference in Winnipeg recently. From left are: D.L. Victor, Plenary planning chairman for the region; Region Chairman Oscar Antel; National President Sol Kanee; Gerald Lasensky, executive director, Winnipeg Jewish Community Council, CJC, and Abram Steinberg, national vice-president. The triennial national Congress convention takes place in Toronto from June 15 — 18.

Merger of bodies praised at briefing as most significant event of past term

WINNIPEG –

Western Chairman Oscar Antel of the Canadian Jewish Congress led a briefing session at the recent conference of Winnipeg delegates to the 17th Plenary Assembly of Congress for next month in Toronto.

In reviewing the activities of the Western Region of Congress for the past three years, Antel singled out as the most significant event, the merger in 1972 of the Canadian Jewish Congress and the Welfare Fund into one central body -- The Winnipeg Jewish Community Council. "This important step" Antel stated "was designed to do away with overlapping of services, especially in the field of fund-raising and maintenance of the institutions which preserve the Jewish way of life."

Guest speaker, Sol Kanee, national president of Canadian Jewish Congress, described Congress as "an organization like no other." He stated that nationally, the Triennial Plenary Assembly of Congress has been referred to as "The parliament of the Canadian Jewish community." "In Winnipeg," he said, "the total Congress program operates through the Winnipeg Jewish Community Council.

"The 17th Plenary Assembly," said Kanee, "will expose delegates to problems around the world and at home, with particular emphasis on education."

Resolutions passed by the delegates for presentation at the Plenary Assembly included a request from the Jewish Historical Society of Western Canada to see its exhibit **Journey into our Heritage** used as a foundation for a permanent Jewish museum. The exhibit, winner of the William Shroder Award and housed for six months at the Manitoba Museum of Man and Nature in 1971/72, was viewed by over 40,000 people.

Other resolutions adopted by the delegates were: a demand by the National Council of Jewish Women for inclusion of more women in leadership roles in Congress and proposals for upgrading and expanding Jewish education in Canada.

Among the highlights of the 17th Plenary Assembly will be a banquet honoring Saul Hayes, retiring national executive vice-president with guest speaker the Rt. Hon. Pierre Elliott Trudeau. Also slated to address the Assembly are Shimon Peres, Israeli cabinet minister, and Nadav Safran, professor of government, Harvard University, and an assistant to Henry Kissinger.

NCJW head calls for university course

Degree would enhance volunteer'

By MOURA WOLPERT
CJN Hamilton Correspondent

HAMILTON –

A degree course for volunteers like the one instituted at Sir George Williams University in Montreal a year ago is what Lillian Vine would like to see at McMaster University here.

Mrs. Vine is the new chairman of the board of the National Council of Jewish Women, Hamilton section, and nothing annoys her more than being looked down upon by those women's libbers who consider only the woman who is paid for her work as being truly 'liberated.' A liberated woman, as Mrs. Vine sees her, is one who does what she wants to do without in any way having to feel guilty about it, whether she is a housewife, a volunteer or a member of the labor force.

Women "must realize their tremendous potential and influence and become involved in governing their cities, provinces, countries and institutions," she wrote not long ago in a NCJW bulletin and she insists the woman who does so without pay deserves the same respect as the paid worker.

"I am trying to get away from the feeling that we are not doing anything worthwhile just because we are not being paid for it," she says and is conviced that a university course in training volunteers will go a long way towards changing the image of the volunteer.

Before any of the more militant women's libbers scoff at the notion of the volunteer as liberated woman, they might like to note that Mrs. Vine has been both a working woman and a volunteer.

Married at the age of 19 following her graduation from McMaster University, she intended to teach but immediately came face to face with prejudice: the board of education did not hire married women as high school teachers. That was in 1952 and the career she had mapped out had to give way to a secretarial course and a couple of years of helping her husband, Frank, in his law practice.

The young family grew to five in the next few years with the addition of a daughter and two sons but Mrs. Vine found time for further study and to teach bridge. Both she and her husband are keen players and have been Life Masters for some years.

At 32 Lillian Vine finally got her first job, as a senior public school French teacher. But five years of teaching were enough for the time being and her strong feeling that women should be more involved in community and civic affairs led to her joining the NCJW four years ago. She served as public relations chairman and co-chairman of public affairs before becoming chairman of the board.

Her first bid for election to the board of education last fall failed but Mrs. Vine intends to run again in 1975 and last January she was appointed to the Hamilton Civic Hospitals Board.

Being a member of the NCJW, Mrs. Vine feels, gives her far wider scope to actively concern herself with the many projects that interest her, a life she finds far more satisfying than if she were working at some humdrum job.

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'Israel belongs to all Jews'

By ROCHELLE CARR

TORONTO –

An American professor believes that no matter how cynical Israelis once were about Diaspora Jewry, they cannot now reject the fact of a special relationship that envisages Israel as belonging to all the Jewish people. He is Leonard Fein, who is Klutznick professor of contemporary Jewish studies at Brandeis University.

"If this is so," he said, can all Jews not have some bearing on Israel beyond the cheque book?

Fein, speaking at the annual Anne Rusitz memorial lecture at Beth Tzedec, described himself as a lover of Zion, but warned the audience he has some things to say that may be regarded as "modest heresy."

Under this heading he propounded his belief that we let Israel take the lead, by default, without ever questioning her policies, such as whether the existing Israel power structure was doing all that it possibly could to find a solution to peace in the Middle East. "We feared that if North Americans were fed the facts, they might not support Israel so strongly," he said.

This disillusion led to utter shock after the Yom Kippur War when North Americans discovered that many Israelis did not view Golda Meir as "mother Israel" and Moshe Dayan as "an infallible latter-day Joshua," Fein said.

The former director of research at the MIT-Harvard Joint Centre for Urban Studies commended North Americans for their adamant stand not to let the religious establishment is Israel have a free rein in the controversy over a definition of "who is a Jew?"

But, he criticized Diaspora Jewry's long silence which resulted in nothing being done to prevent an entire generation of Israelis from growing up shunning Judaism.

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Delegates to June plenary session must give fresh impetus to CJC

The plenary session of The Canadian Jewish Congress which takes place in Toronto the middle of June will mark the end of one era and the beginning of another. Out of the deliberations of this significant gathering of 1,000 delegates from all parts of the country will come decisions which will chart the course of the national body for years to come.

One of the major acts will be the choice of a national president to succeed Sol Kanee of Winnipeg, who is finishing his three-year term. The constitution forbids an incumbent succeeding himself. We do not know who will be chosen for this important office, but we do know who will not be a candidate. He is Rabbi Gunther Plaut, senior rabbi of Holy Blossom Temple, a public figure whose qualities of mind and heart have earned him the respect and esteem of Jew and non-Jew across Canada.

Had Rabbi Plaut decided to stand for election as Congress president, he would have had substantial support from a wide cross-section of the Jewish community. As the spiritual leader of a large and flourishing congregation, his first obligation was to consult his own congregation as to their thinking on this question. The reaction of the board of trustees was one of concern; that he would be spreading himself too thin; that he would have to delegate some of his rabbinical duties in order to fulfil his Congress responsibilities. And finally, there was the question whether his health would stand up under the strain.

The rabbi's decision was to withdraw, and so he will be on the sidelines when the choice of president is made.

Whoever is chosen to fill the office of president -- and we are sure there are able men available for the task -- will find himself faced with many problems that will challenge his capacity to lead. We know Rabbi Plaut has the ability to communicate with people, and the man who becomes Congress president will need to possess this ability to communicate, to bridge the gap that many feel has developed between Congress and the people it represents. Congress needs to be revitalized and given fresh impetus for its task of spokesman for Canadian Jewry. There needs to be a strengthening of the bonds that unites the Jewish community in Canada and a closer, more workable relationship between Congress and other decision-making bodies.

Many able men have devoted their energies to Congress over the crowded years. One of the most distinguished has been Saul Hayes, who is stepping aside after years of devoted service. "Mr. Congress," as he has been called, will be honored at the plenary session by the organization he has served so well.

The Toronto gathering may well be one of the most important in the history of Congress. We are confident that whoever is chosen for the office of president will face up to the challenges of the times and give the same selfless service that characterized the career of Mr. Hayes in his capacity as executive-director, and later, executive vice-president.

Canada-Israel Committee requires more help to fulfil its objectives

Institutions emerge in Jewish life to respond to some identifiable social or political requirement. One such contemporary institution -- still in its emerging years -- is the Canada-Israel Committee. The committee's original and founding fathers must be acknowledged for their foresight, and the committee's present leadership for their firm commitment during the beginning years. The recent two-day conference in Ottawa will be remembered, in the years to come, as the turning point when the CIC evolved to a new and significant stage of development.

The CIC now emerges during a period of rapid and permanent change in Israel, and during a traumatic period in world economic conditions. In Israel, important political changes indicate a new drift towards encouraging relationships with Arab governments, and towards settlement of the Palestinian question. Younger, Israel-born, leaders may well make previously unacceptable moves for peace with Arab governments. Further, "liquid gold" of Arab countries poses a very serious threat to world Jewry's stability, and to the economic status of emerging and Western countries.

In Canada, the CIC emerges at a time when the nation's political contribution in the Middle East has declined greatly. Since 1970 Canada has been reluctant to stick her neck out for the cause of peace in the Middle East. The nation has assumed the role of a country not intent on asserting a positive role. Yet the circumstances which caused the upheaval of the world's economic status quo some time ago, is something of a boon for Canada.

The CIC also emerges on the Canadian scene when vast sums of money from Arab sources are being spent for propaganda purposes. What has become especially prevalent on the campus, is the rapid acceleration of Islamic Studies programs, and some programs show a strong, political bias.

Among all the Jewish communities in the world, the Canadian community has a special responsibility, and has recognized this by founding the Canada-Israel Committee. Yet the committee has operated on a shoe-string budget. If the CIC is to achieve its objectives of promoting a better understanding between Israel and Canada, then more money and expertise must be allocated for the organizations work.

In a motion adopted by the CIC in Ottawa, the committee resolved to locate the CIC in the nation's capital, where a full time person would be solely responsible for communicating Israel's concerns to members of Parliament and figures of influence. The committee was also instructed to hire a communications media expert, and an assistant to the executive-director. These are important needs for an organization grossly understaffed.

Phil Granovsky of Toronto accurately defined the basis of the CIC's budgetary problems when he said that little exposure of the committee's objectives and work has been related to the fund-raisers. He also stated that fund-raisers should be an important component part of the CIC's structure.

During the two-day conference new voices were heard at the important sessions, voices not previously expressed, but individuals who can undoubtedly contribute much to the organization's progress. Such people as Donald Carr, Harold Buckwald, Richard Croft, as well as others can play an important role in the future.

Bank exemplifies pioneering quality

The conditions of Israel's birth and growth lend a pioneering character even to activities elsewhere perhaps considered dull parts of the "establishment". One good example of this is Bank Leumi le-Israel: on the face of things it is "no more" than another very successful commercial bank; a closer look will show that it constitutes a vital element in the whole complex of nation-building.

This role is determined, first of all, by Bank Leumi's ownership. More than 70 years ago it was founded by the World Zionist Organization. To this day, it is controlled by governing bodies subject to the democratically elected executive of the WZO. It is to the credit of all concerned that narrow political considerations at no time were allowed to interfere with banking policy; the directors are given full autonomy to manage Bank Leumi on sound business principles, subservient only to the country's real needs.

Thus it is not surprising that specific Bank Leumi activities serve high priority objectives of national policy. In providing facilities for saving and investment, it serves stability and helps provide means for economic growth; in developing its international network, it furthers Israel's exports and helps attract investors; by expanding its subsidiary in the Arab sector, it helps to promote that population's prosperity and integration in the creative adventure that is Israel.

On top of all that, Bank Leumi is also good business. To serve its objectives, it could not be otherwise. Profitability is the expression of successful construction -- and that may be found in every one of the bank's subsidiaries and affiliates. Investors, in Israel as well as abroad, have taken notice of this fact; shares of member firms in the Bank Leumi Group are to be found in an increasingly large number of security portfolios.

Israel's Investors' Report

A dozen hungry, but determined intellectuals, fasting outside Premier Golda Meir's residence, are joined by a number of sympathizers. They are fasting against a possible government yielding of Golan territory in a disengagement agreement with Syria. (IPPA photo)

Structure of CJC criticized

Congress is urged to return to more democratic procedures

By A.J. ARNOLD

(Third of a series)

A. J. Arnold

Before every plenary assembly, Canadian Jewish Congress has been called the "parliament" of Jews in Canada. Various people have taken credit for originating the term while others have disputed its validity by challenging the democratic nature of Congress, or its claim to speak for all Canadian Jews.

The concept of a Jewish parliament originated with the very first Congress in 1919 and represented the view of those delegates who had brought with them the European ideas of cultural autonomy and national minority rights. At least in Montreal, delegates to the first Congress were elected as representatives of the geographic or political districts in which most of the Jews resided, i.e., St. Laurence, St. Jean Baptist, St. Louis, and "Mile-End over the tracks."

Even at the first Congress, however, 15 of the total of 209 delegates were not elected, but were appointed by three groups including five each for the General Zionists, Mizrachi and Socialists. The beginning of the present system of appointing all delegates as organizational representatives was already in evidence.

Delegates to the second Congress national convention in Toronto in 1934 also appear to have been elected, largely on the basis of popular franchise. By the late 1940s, the popular election system was altered to one where organizations and institutions were divided into blocs with each one assigned a certain number of delegates. Casting of ballots for bloc delegates was still evident in 1949.

By 1951, though, even the modified form of casting ballots for bloc delegates came to an end at least in the major centres of Montreal and Toronto. Instead, organizations and institutions were asked to name electors who were invited to a series of special meetings to vote for delegates to represent their groups. In Winnipeg there was resistance to the bloc system for a number of years but, by the mid-1950s, it was accepted there too, albeit reluctantly.

By now even the bloc system of election has disappeared and delegates are largely appointed by affiliated organizations according to the formula of one delegate for every 100 members. Actually, the constitution of Congress still provides for a more popular form of election by "members", 18 years of age or over, who subscribe to the aims and objects of Congress.

The decision, however, as to whether there shall be a popular form of election by "members" or whether the naming of delegates shall be left to affiliated organizations lies within the jurisdiction of each of the four regional councils. The regions are: Eastern: Quebec and the Atlantic provinces; Central: Ontario, east of Thunder Bay; Western: the Prairie provinces and Ontario from Thunder Bay west; Pacific: British Columbia.

Over the past five or six years the position of Congress as the umbrella organization of Canadian Jewry has been challenged from various quarters. This writer has no doubt that, in spite of some apparent weaknesses, Congress still offers the best and really the only central forum through which all of Canadian Jewry can be represented. But the pressures on Congress will undoubtedly continue, not only from its general membership constituency, particularly in Montreal and Toronto, but also from certain other organizations and institutions.

Surely part of the Congress defence of its own position, in the best interest of Canadian Jewry, lies in a return to more democratic procedures. While popular election of delegates is not the be-all and end-all of democracy, it should prove to be a positive and valuable step in view of current moods and trends in the major Jewish population centres.

Also to be considered is the fact that the coming plenary assembly will almost certainly have a contested election for the position of national president, for the second time in the history of Congress. It seems rather incongruous that delegates, the vast majority of whom will probably not have been elected, should participate in a popular election to decide who will become the next president of Canadian Jewish Congress. **Next: How the plenary assembly works.**

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Pallid reminder of once great community not much affected by Portugal's takeover

By GEOFFREY D. PAUL

LISBON (JCNS) -

Portugal's known Jewish community of scarcely more than 500 souls is unlikely to be much affected by the events of the recent past, except perhaps for those handful of individuals whose prominence in public life stems from their support of the deposed regime.

What remains of Portuguese Jewry is but a pallid reminder of the once great community which gave the Jewish people, and the world, eminent scholars, doctors and travellers and which ended its golden age in rivers of blood.

The presence of Jews in Portugal has been recorded from the first year of the current era (one tradition has it, from the destruction of the Temple in the year 70), but some historians have claimed Jewish settlement is probable several centuries earlier.

By the 12th century, large and flourishing Jewish communities existed throughout Portugal and in the following decades, under a succession of monarchs, some more benevolent than others, they developed a unique system of internal self-government which reached even to the administration of criminal law. Under royal patronage, the community elected its own rabbis and enjoyed the services of seven dayanim, appointed to each of the country's regions, whose decisions were in turn open to appeal to a travelling court of assessors.

The Jews' comparative freedom and protected status contributed to strengthening their influence with the ruling families, to the anger of the Catholic Church which pressed -- with varying success -- over three centuries for their suppression. This campaign came to a head in the mid-15th century with violent anti-Jewish riots which, however, did not deter Jews from Spain seeking asylum from persecution in their own country.

Their escape was short-lived. With the union of the Spanish and Portuguese thrones at the end of the 15th century, the anti-Jewish measures adopted in Spain were extended to Portugal and thousands of Jews were forced either to flee or undergo forced conversion to Catholicism. One of the bloodiest incidents occurred in 1506 when 2,000 unwilling "converts" were massacred.

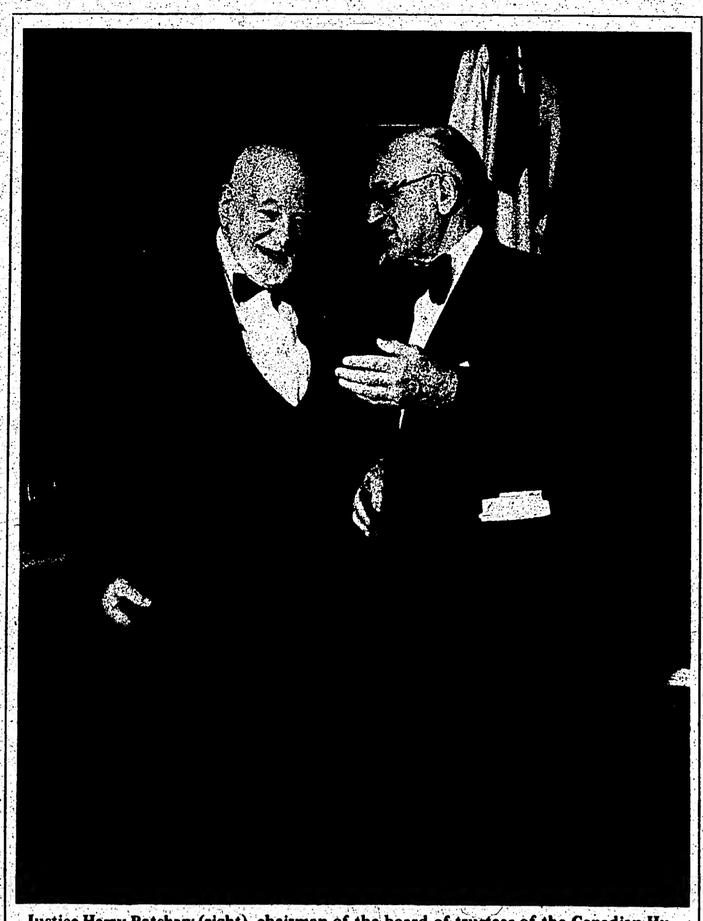
This gave rise to the Marranos, Jews who followed their own religion secretly while outwardly behaving as believing Christians. Their numbers increased with the subsequent introduction of an Inquisition in Portugal which continued with varying degrees of intensity for the next 200 years and which was only officially ended in 1821.

During the time of the Inquisition, some 1,200 people were burned at the stake. Thousands more suffered other forms of death and indignity. But Marrano communities continued to exist and travellers within Portugal within the last decade have found village communities which maintain a Marrano identity.

Jews openly re-established themselves in Portugal in the early 19th century and were given official recognition in 1892, a status enhanced by a 1933 decree granting freedom of religion to all citizens (but which nevertheless maintained Catholicism as the state religion).

The small number of Jews in Portugal at the outbreak of the Second World War was increased by the arrival of refugees following the fall of France. Portugal maintained a more or less liberal immigration policy throughout the war years and even when exercising restrictive measures extended its "protection" to a large number of Jews and allowed Jewish rescue organizations to operate from its territory.

Portugal has never acceded to Israeli overtures for the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries for fear of Arab reaction (which has been hostile nevertheless.



Justice Harry Batshaw (right), chairman of the board of trustees of the Canadian Human Rights Foundation, shares quips with Nobel Prize winner Rene Cassin, president, International Institute of Human Relations, at Montreal human rights colloquim.

ask the rabbi

Burial of wicked must not be next to more righteous

1. What degree of wickedness is that which decides that a wicked Jew should not be buried next to the righteous, who could make such a decision and have you knowledge of it ever being enforced?

The law to which you refer is found in the Babylonian Talmud, tractate Sanhedrin 47a. There it is said that criminals executed by the court were buried so that one who had committed a less terrible crime was not buried beside one who had committed a more heinous crime. From this it follows, states the Talmud, that a fortiori a wicked person should not be buried beside a pious man. Strangely enough, Maimonides does not record this ruling in his Code.

But the Shulchan Aruch (Yoreh Deah 365:5) states: "It is forbidden to bury a wicked man beside a righteous man and it is even forbidden to bury a man less wicked beside one whose wickedness is greater. So, too, it is forbidden to bury a righteous man, to say nothing of an average person, beside a great saint. But it is permitted to bury a repentant sinner beside a man who has been righteous all his life."

So far as I know there were communities in the not too distant past in which these rules were preserved and I suppose such delicate decisions were made by the local Beth Din. But one does not hear, nowadays, of any attempt to discriminate, possibly because the coffins are not actually adjacent one to the other (see Grunwald: Kol Bo, New York, 1956, Page 179) or, more likely, because it is assumed that even the sinner had repented before he died.

However, probably in obedience to the rule mentioned in the Shulchan Aruch, it is still the practice to bury great scholars and men renowned for their piety in a row by themselves.

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'Montreal eruptions indicate extent of problem'

Fund-raising 'hurt' CJC democracy

By J.B. SALSBERG

(Third of a series)

As we tried to show, the birth of our Canadian Jewish Congress was, in a political sense, the result of a populist-labor alliance. Other sections of Canadian Jewry joined later. The democratic character of this "Jewish Parliament" was jealously guarded by its founders and successors. Congress retained a folk character and its ties with the masses.

Indeed that was its hallmark and the reason for the trust and confidence that it enjoys among the people. Interestingly, this tradition of Congress was not appreciably altered even during the long presidency of the late Sam Bronfman, even though he was one of the most affluent Canadians.

But along the way to the present, especially since the end of the Second World War, many things began to happen that challenged our capacity to retain the priority of Congress in Jewish life and to safeguard its essential democratic, folk character.

Our social landscape changed markedly after the war. This change had, of course, definite repercussions in our community structure. Parallel with this development came the sad but inescapable realization that the ranks of the old generation of European-born leaders were thinning out. The guardians of the democratic and predominant character of Congress became fewer and fewer.

But a normal adjustment to the new social and leadership conditions, without sacrificing the character of prominence of Congress, was clearly possible. But that process was challenged by the top priority that fund-raising acquired in Jewish life.

The post-war needs for the survivors of the Holocaust, and for the impoverished Jewish communities in many lands quickly merged with the unprecedented needs of the reborn and ever-threatened Jewish state. Fund-raising became the dominant theme of Jewish life in the Western world. To their credit the Jewish communities in those parts -- particularly those of North America -- assumed their colossal financial obligations unreservedly and are discharging them with honor. But this is not achieved without injury to the democratic character of our community structure.

Community prominence and influence shifted, altogether too often, to individuals and groups who lacked the knowledge or the background of the diverse nature of our communities. The largest givers, welcome and appreciated as their offerings may be -- and they should be -- are not necessarily equipped for community leadership. Some, to be sure, have a long and deep-rooted background of our communal life, its diversity, its democratic structure and tradition, but not a few of those who have been catapulted into leadership, on the basis of their giving, have those qualifications. (Everyone must have heard the cynical story about a fund-raising delegation assuring a potentially big giver that if he will donate a sufficient amount, he will be elected "democratically" to a very high office in the community...)

Centralized fund-raising was surely necessary. But gradually the fund-raising bodies needed and created instruments for distributing the available funds to our local institutions. (The portion earmarked for Israel is, of course, diverted to the special agency for that purpose.) The Welfare Fund in Toronto and the AJCS in Montreal are often obliged to "bargain" with recipient agencies for the limited funds that are available for distribution.

From here it was almost inescapable for the fund-raisers and fund distributors to examine programs of recipient agencies, to approve some and disapprove others, to passing judgment on projects, to launching its own studies and, finally, the independent development of projects. The line between fund-raising and fund-spending became more and more blurred.

Those at the levers of such power cannot but become a new establishment. The urge to streamline, centralize and rationalize became endemic for those who hold the purse-strings. Business methods and criteria clash frequently with the democratic process that our multi-faceted community and its people have become used to. And Congress? It is being crowded into a secondary position ...

The recent eruptions in the Montreal Jewish community illustrate how far this process has gone. We shall look at it in the next, and final, column of this series.

AJCS chairman rebukes allegations that organization is not representative

By DEBORAH LIGHTSTONE

(Second of two parts)

MONTREAL -

The first part of **The Canadian Jewish News** series analyzed the budgeting process of Allied Jewish Community Services, the umbrella organization serving the Montreal Jewish community and trustee of its funds.

The focus was on the powerful and all-important Planning and Allocations Committee, which is faced with the difficult and often conflict-ridden demand to divide the community's finances between old and new priorities.

This final article examines the extent to which the make-up of the Planning and Allocations Committee really represents the community-at-large.

Chairman Hillel Becker believes it does, in that he selected the non-agency members of the committee while "trying to get as representative a mix as possible: students, Francophones, etc."

"No credentials are required. I went outside the core of involved people in AJCS, to the general membership," explained Becker, himself a vice-president of AJCS who was appointed committee head by the president and the executive.

While the committee sections are the basic working units, their decisions must be ratified by the plenum (all 50 members) of the Planning and Allocations Committee, then by the executive committee and finally by the over 150-member board of trustees.

If the board of trustees opposes the granting of money to any particular project, the allocation isn't made. Affirmed Becker: "From a constitutional point of view, they are the final voice."

Becker sees this system as democratic, comparing the board of trustees to a parliament, in spite of the fact that the majority of board members are not directly elected by the community-at-large, but are people already well established within the ranks of AJCS or appointed by its leadership.

Recently charges have been made, for example, that the board of trustees is dominated by big money-givers, and that it does not give group representation to many important community bodies such as synagogues or religious, ideological, Zionist, and fraternal organizations.

If this is true, the fact that the board is a major influence on all levels of the Planning and Allocations Committee, and, in Becker's words, is "the ultimate decider of the budget," is not necessarily reassuring.

Finally, **The CJN** asked Becker whether AJCS' "clientele" -- the elderly, poor and youth, for example -- are directly consulted or involved in the programs designed for their benefit.

He replied: "While users of service as such, are not represented on the Planning and Allocations Committee, to some extent the issue is not a real one since, nowadays, it is increasingly difficult to separate the recipients from the rest of the community."

He cited as examples the YMHA, the Jewish Public Library and the Jewish Vocational Service which cater to all segments of the population.

But Eric Shragge, a young social worker who spent two years working in the Jewish community, testified: "If you look at the income bracket and social class of the people who decide policy and allocate money in the community, you will find the majority of the consumers of services are not from among them, but rather from the middle, lower middle and poor classes, depending on the service used. And these people's voices are not searched out."

While some AJCS agencies do have representatives of their "consumers" sitting directly on their policy-making bodies -- Jewish Family Services, formerly the Baron de Hirsch Institute, is one case -- this does not extend across the board.

Shragge concluded: "Our community is behind in this sense, that it hasn't appointed members of different economic classes to its boards and planning committees."

Economic pinch prompts Israelis to shop wisely

By NECHEMIA MEYERS
CJN Israel Correspondent

Nechemia Meyers

Shelly is a professor's wife, and proud of her exalted social status. But status, unfortunately, is not a substitute for cash, and in Israel a professor's take-home pay isn't enough to elevate him to the economic elite together with butchers, plumbers and imgently explores the innermost secrets of the atom, she carries out equally intensive research into a more mundane subject: where clothing, footware and household goods can be purchased at the lowest possible cost.

As a result, whatever the item, Shelly can get it for you wholesale.

With the current economic pinch, many men and women are following in Shelly's footsteps. Some, for example, have abandoned ultra-clean, ultra-modern supermarkets for the picturesquely filthy outdoor markets, where fruits and vegetables are about 30% less expensive than elsewhere.

This trend is encouraged by a new weekly TV program for consumers, which for some reason, mainly features male panelists. Last week these gentlemen, most of them well-known economists from the Hebrew University, the Finance Ministry and the Bank of Israel, considered the cost of chickens purchased in supermarkets as compared to those obtained at outdoor market stalls. Two recently deceased chickens were borne into the studio to be weighed before the eyes of the economists and the TV audience. Then the panelists -- carefully taking note of the fact that choice internal organs had been removed from the supermarket chicken so that they could be sold separately -- come to the conclusion that the fowl purchased outdoors was a much better buy, even though it required extra preparation time because it had not been quite as thoroughly defeathered as its supermarket cousin.

A group of American ladies in Rehovot, most of them, like Shelly, the wives of professors, recently struck another blow against rising prices. They opened a new shop, "The White Elephant," which buys and sells "gently used clothes, household items and toys."

The thrift-shop concept, they explain, has actually been brought over from the U.S., where such shops are a common feature of college towns. "Here," one of them told me, "we expect to meet a lot of resistance, because Israelis associate the idea of wearing second-hand clothes or purchasing second-hand implements with unwashed recipients of social welfare. But we hope to convince them that what is good enough for a professor is good enough for a barber or mechanic -- especially if he is short of cash," she added.

Passing of time underlines Sholem Aleichem's genius

By ALBERT BAINERMAN

(First of two parts)

It is now more than 88 years that the name of Sholem Aleichem has been influencing both the Jewish intellectuals and the Jewish masses, and as time goes on he is more thoroughly understood and appreciated. Despite the fact that it's already 59 years since his master pen stopped writing, his characters and personages, described with great emotional insight, are still as fresh and new as the day they first appeared.

Aleichem must not be assessed as an artist but primarily as a champion for the dignity of Yiddish language and literature. It is more than certain that if Aleichem had not fought the fight against all the vulgar Shund writers, who at that time had far-reaching influence on the Jewish masses, Yiddish literature would not have reached the level at which it stands today. And this struggle against the crudities of Shund writing which degraded Yiddish literature with its pseudo-romantic novels about unreal princes, beggars, gypsies, true and false sons of kings, and fairy-tale princesses -- this was not merely a struggle for the sake of fighting but had other motivations.

It was a struggle against the poisoning of the masses with idle tales and for the proper preparation of the soil for decent creative literature and to awaken the

Sholem Aleichem

masses to a taste for something finer and better. If Sholom Aleichem had only had this single achievement, this alone would have been enough to keep his name alive and we would have owed him profound gratitude and respect.

But as great as this is in itself, fortunately this is only one tiny part of the achievements of this intellectual giant whom we call Sholom Aleichem.

Another great quality he has merited is the following. At that time when the Yiddish language was despised and considered as inferior as a "jargon" which was not worthy of occupying a place on a level with other languages, he alone and with his master pen convinced all that this step-daughter, this despised jargon possessed in itself all the beauties and all the nuances of a solid and substantial folk-language and that through this medium could be channelled the full galaxy of all the cultural values. What needed to be done was to polish the vernacular, cleanse it of excrescences and to stop looking upon it with disdain as the speech of the ignorant.

It must be said that it was not easy for Sholom Aleichem to breach accepted ideas and principles and to persuade the opponents of Yiddish they were wrong and that their prejudices were false. With great talent he exposed the beauties, the flexibility and the vital juices of the Yiddish language.

However, when we come to assess Aleichem as an artist, it cannot be done in one breath, for the legacy which he left us is so vast. There is not a single corner in Jewish life which his artist's eye did not penetrage.

The masses recognized themselves and laughed along with the author at their own faults and shortcomings. They could easily see themselves or people close to them because the "heroes" were not unknown princes but ordinary Jews. In Kasrilevka they perceived themselves and their neighbors. Aleichem did not laugh at them; he laughed with them. With his genial humor he taught them, criticized them and introduced a healthy, joyous laughter into the lowest, most downtrodden strata of the Jewish working masses. The horse-driver, the teamster, the baal-agolah in the stable, all felt an inner happiness. The servant girl in the kitchen laughed heartily at his stories and at the same time was encouraged to read further and further.

The language was their own living speech. The types were familiar-heimish. The themes were familiar and very close to them. In the darkest chambers, in the cellars where working men labored without air or light he cast a beam of light and of healthy folk-humor and joy. He was a folk-writer to his very bones. He took his material from the depths of the life of the Jewish masses and, with his magic pen, he described them and isolated the most priceless pearls from the surrounding drabness.

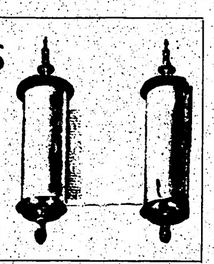
It is true that Sholom Aleichem is our greatest humorist and has no equal to himself in Yiddish literature. It is also true he is our greatest tragedian. **Tevya the Milchiker**, his monumental work which produces such hearty laughter, at the same time moves us to tears when we look at the condition of Tevya's family living in the Pale of Czarist Russia.

Menachem-Mendel is a piece of the Jewish national tragedy affecting millions of Jewish people. As a Jew, Menachem-Mendel was oppressed by the Czarist laws, persecuted and stripped of any security for the morrow. He jumped at one prospect hoping this would rescue him. This would immediately fail and he would jump at a second project with the same unhappy and frustrating result. Menachem-Mendel is a product of a socio-economic and political situation. The great master Sholom Aleichem took these circumstances and this situation and embodied them in the tragicomic figure of Menachem-Mendel.

Mr. Bainerman is an executive member of the United Organizations for the Histadrut, the New Jewish Fraternal Organization, and the Canadian Jewish Congress Committee for Yiddish.

One's body is only a garment to be kept pure while one's soul is the real person, says rabbi

sparks from the torah



Parshat Naso

Meeyaiyin v'shaycor yazir . . . He shall abstain from wine and strong drink . . .

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Sometimes, the toughest job of a Rabbi is offering consolation to those who have lost a loved one . . . Where does the body end and the soul begin? It's hard to draw the line sometimes . . .

Our Rabbis taught . . . A king once distributed precious garments to his servants. The smart ones took one look, saw how special they were -- and realized the king had something in mind. They folded the garments neatly away. The foolish ones put on the Royal clothing, and went about their usual cooking and cleaning. Suddenly, the king invited all his servants to a Royal banquet. The wise servants appeared with their clothing almost as clean as they received it originally, while the foolish ones . . . their clothing had become stained here and ripped there. You can imagine the reaction of the king . . .

We Jews believe that the real person is not his arms or legs, the color of his or her eyes, or what hair style so and so is wearing. The real person is the **neshama**, the soul. The **neshama** never dies. The **neshama** of every Jew is part of the Almighty Himself. While the body is like a garment that has to be kept pure until we are summoned to the Royal banquet.

But sometimes the neshama and body are confused. For example, in this week's parsha we find a strange thing. In ancient times, when a Jew wanted to become super-holy, he vowed to become a **nazir** . . He couldn't drink wine, he couldn't groom himself by taking a haircut. He became so sacred, that like a **kohain**, he was not to go on cemetery. And yet, when his period of holiness was over, he had to bring a sin offering, as though he committed a transgression . . . .

Why? But our Rabbis gave an interesting reason -- because the **nazir** denied himself from some of the good things of life, like wine, he was considered a sinner. And from this they learned, **kol hayoshev b'taanit nikro choteh** -- "Whoever sits and fasts is considered a sinner . . . . "

But consider now -- is it fair? Here you have a good Jew who wants to improve himself. He decides to sit and fast. Shouldn't he be considered a **tzadik** -- why a sinner? But the answer is he is **sitting** and fasting. Sure he is fasting his body. But his neshama, which is the real person, is just sitting. It is not moving. It is not improving itself. It is a **yoshev**. The whole purpose of fasting our bodies is not for the sake of our arms, legs or bellies -- but that it should change our real selves . . . to go out and do good in the world (Ktav Sofer).

They tell of a chossid who once fasted forty days so that he should have **gilui Eliyahu** -- the Prophet Elijah should appear to him. Nothing happened, so he went to complain to his Rabbi. The Rabbi answered him with a story. "You know, that after Shabbos, the Baal Shem Tov would take his horses and wagon, and travel great distances by mystical means. Now when the horses saw that they traveled such a long distance and they weren't even hungry, they said to one another. 'You know, we're not even hungry. We must be human beings, and not horses.' Then they traveled even more without being hungry and they started thinking -- 'How can human beings go so long without being hungry. We must be angels!' Finally, after a whole night of travelling the horses were finally returned to the stable. They saw their bag of oats, and started eating like . . . horses . . . It is not by how you fast you can measure whether you have become holy -- but by how you eat . . . "

May we eat our fill of **mitzvahs**, and fast from transgression. Shabbat Shalom.

The "Sparks From The Torah" television program can be seen on Willowdowns Cable, Tuesdays at 8:30 p.m., Keeble Cable, Thursdays at 8 p.m. and York Cable, Sundays at 12 noon.

Letter to the Editor

Columnist full of 'chutzpah'

Dear Editor:

I took strong exception to J.B. Salsberg's column entitled **When We Marched on May Day**, in the May 10 issue of your newspaper. Mr. Salsberg wrote, "It was May Day 1974 and not a single banner stirred the air on Spadina Avenue. Not a single challenging voice was heard . . .

In fact, several hundred workers and students marched on May Day 1974, and right down Spadina Avenue from Christie Pits, past the garment sweatshops of which Mr. Salsberg reminisces. This fourth annual march was organized by the Canadian Party of Labour, the Workers Action Movement, and the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS). True to May Day's militant tradition, there were the "forests of placards" and "banners that headed each unit" that Mr. Salsberg remembers.

As always, they called for socialism, for an end to racism (including anti-Semitism), and for a shorter work week. There was even a small number of garment workers who are trying to unite the present-day immigrant workers against their bosses. And, of course, some of the workers and students marching were Jewish.

It takes a lot of chutzpah on Mr. Salsberg's part to deny that such a march ever occured.

Ken Stone
Hamilton

Casablanca Chapter of ORT, judging by the customers out front, obviously had bargains galore at the ORT Bazaar held recently in the St. Lawrence Market. Behind the counter are Peter and Sandra Landsman and Jesse Rabb, Casablanca bazaar chairman. (Groskind)

Organizations and People

what's new...

By LEWIS LEVENDEL

MICHENER RECEIVES AWARD

Beth Sholom's 24th annual humanitarian award will be presented to former Governor-General Roland Michener, Monday, June 10, at a synagogue banquet. The award is presented "for splendid achievement in the field of humanitarian service in the Dominion of Canada, for furthering the cause of brotherhood by being friend and benefactor to all men, regardless of color, race or creed." Pauline Vanier, wife of the late governor-general Georges Vanier, received the award in 1967.

EIGHTH GALA CONCERT

The Five Russkys, newcomers to Israel from the Soviet Union, will highlight the eighth annual concert presented by Ezra and Kadima Schools in conjunction with the Toronto Council of Hazzanim on Wednesday, June 5 at 8:15 p.m., at B'nai Israel Beth David Synagogue. Toronto cantors Louis Danto, Tibor Kelen and Ben Zion Miller will also be featured in the program. Ezra and Kadima schools are Jewish schools for children with learning disabilities.

AWARDS FOR IMPORTERS

At the Canada-Israel luncheon scheduled for June 6 at the Chateau Champlain in Montreal, Israel Ambassador Theodor Meron will present awards to 26 Canadian importers of Israeli merchandise. The awards are in form of certificates from the Israel ministry of commerce and industry. Quebec Industry Minister Guy St. Pierre will be guest speaker at the luncheon.

FORM MEDICAL FOUNDATION

A non-profit foundation for colitis, ileitis and Crohn's Disease is presently in the organizational stage. Although there are over 10,000 new cases of these illnesses diagnosed annually in Canada, there are no organized groups sponsoring research into their cause and cure. All those interested are invited to attend a meeting at Sunnybrook Hospital, 2075 Bayview Ave. in the main lecture theatre, G Wing on Wednesday, June 5.

WITTY LECTURES

Board of Jewish Education Director Rabbi Irwin Witty gives the final lecture of Adath Sholom Synagogue Wednesday night series on June 5 at 8:30 p.m.

MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE

Despite fears to the contrary, Toronto women Bond supporters won't be cheated out of their annual showing of glamorous fashions by Israel's top designers. For a full week, the shipment of some 90 fashion creations to be shown at the Women's Division All-Israel Fashion Show Luncheon on Monday, June 3, seemed to have vanished in the skies between New York and Toronto. It took the combined efforts of international airport personnel, RCMP, and U.S. and Canadian customers brokers, to finally unearth the whereabouts of the four missing cases -- at the Montreal Air Terminal! So it's On with the Show at Beth Tikvah Synagogue -- on schedule.

SEUDATH MITZVAH

P'eylim of Canada is sponsoring a Seudath Mitzvah in honor of the newly-arrived Soviet youngsters on the occasion of their brith miloth and bar mitzvoth at B'nai Torah Congregation, Willowdale, on Sunday, June 2 at 6:30 p.m.

MULTICULTURALISM GRANTS

Among the organizations receiving recent federal government multiculturalism grants are Camp Massada and the Jewish War Veteran of Canada. The Muskoka camp was awarded $6,350 to organize a program on Jewish heritage for teenagers from 14 to 16 during the month of August. The Montreal veterans' group got $5,000 to hold its second multicultural musical festival in September. About 20 groups will present a 20-minute program of their folkloric and musical heritage.

TEA TO AID RETARDED

Sunday, June 2 from 2 - 6, is the date set for a tea at the home of Mrs. Stanley Golvin, 21 Oxbow Rd., Downsview, sponsored by Akim -- the Israeli Association for the mentally retarded. All funds go in aid of Ezra and Kadima Schools in Toronto, and the Israel Association for the Mentally Retarded in Jerusalem.

UNIQUE PYJAMA PARTY

Recently, representative from the youngest Hadassah chapters in the Toronto area freed themselves from household and family responsibilities to participate in a unique leadership development program -- a sleep-in, study-in. The two-day program was held at the home of Irene Fink. Hadassah-WIZO's International Leadership chairman. A larger session will be held June 10 under the leadership of Dr. Eva Schindler-Rainman of Los Angeles. It will deal primarily with membership and leadership.

MONTE CARLO NIGHT

On Sunday, June 9 at 8 p.m. at the Bristol Place Hotel, Primal Lodge, B'nai B'rith is sponsoring a Monte Carlo night. Door prize will be a 26-inch color television set. Part of the proceeds from the evening will go towards the purchase of an oxygenator unit for the Toronto Sick Children's Hospital.

...about people

Federal Health Minister Marc Lalonde (left), Reubin Zimmerman, president of the Jewish Cultural Association, and Quebec Municipal Affairs Minister Dr. Victor Goldbloom share light-hearted moment at kick-off ceremonies of Montreal's March to Jerusalem.

Long-time Montreal community leader **Gordon Brown** will receive the Eleanor Roosevelt Humanities Award at an Israel Bonds testimonial dinner at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel Sunday, June 2. Israel Foreign Minister **Abba Eban** will be the guest speaker and AJCS Chairman **Charles Bronfman** will be dinner chairman. The award is presented to Mr. Brown "in recognition of his munificent leadership, in perpetuation of the high spirits and noble ideals expounded by Eleanor Roosevelt." He is past president of both AJCS and United Israel Appeal of Canada.

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Emil Fackenheim, professor of philosophy at the Universtiy of Toronto, today (May 31), received an honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters at graduation of the Cincinatti school of the Hebrew Union College -- Jewish Institute of Religion. The award, "made in recognition of the contributions he made to philosophy and theology, by exploring in his writings and teaching Jewish existence and faith and paths to future Jewish thought," was conferred by **Dr. Alfred Gottschalk**, president of the College-Institute.

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Petah Tikvah Anshe Castilla Congregation has appoimted **Eli Mimram**, a past president, as chairman of its building fund campaign. The congregation is building a synagogue and community centre on Danby Avenue.

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From St. Catharines comes news **Rhoda Possen**, daughter-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. **Leo Possen** of the Ontario city, has graduated from Yale University with a doctorate in French literature. Rhoda's husband, Uri, received his doctorate in economics from Yale two years ago.

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Possibly the oldest person to complete the 22-mile UJA walkathon was **Abraham Donn**, a 65-year-old University of Toronto mathematics lecturer. "If my son can fight for Israel, I can walk for Israel, he told **The CJN**. His son emigrated to Israel seven years ago. Donn raised $1,200 for the UJA.

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Boys Town Jerusalem's dean and founder, **Rabbi Alexander S. Linchner**, will be in Toronto this weekend to confer with **Eric Exton**, president of the Canadian Friends of Boys Town, and other supporters of this unique educational community in Israel. While here, Rabbi Linchner will address a gathering at the home of Mr. and Mrs. **Nathan Perlmutter**.

Miriam Herman is on vacation.

At a United Way of Metropolitan Toronto women's inter-faith meeting are (from left): Mrs. A. Levine, Mrs. D. R. Malcolm, Arnold Edinborough, Mrs. Robert Engel and Mrs. L.J. Cole.

United Way said expression of Judeo-Christian tradition

By ROCHELLE CARR

TORONTO -

The United Way is a direct expression of our Judeo-Christian tradition, affirmed Arnold Edinborough, former editor and publisher of **Saturday Night** magazine.

Edinborough, speaking at an inter-faith women's meeting of the United Way of Metropolitan Toronto, held at Holy Blossom Temple, explained that the ethical basis of Christianity is from Judaism. He noted that the concept of helping those who cannot help themselves is found in the first chapter of Isaiah. He summed up his argument by stating: "The Talmud said, 'help thy enemy' long before Christ did."

Speaking to the question, **Is The United Way Obsolete?** Edinborough told the audience of 250 women that it is not obsolete, that it is a personal involvement on the part of many people, and though it appears to have big business overtones, one must remember that "big business can be as charitable as any other group when told what the needs are by volunteers."

Edinborough, now a columnist for the **Canadian Churchman** and the **Financial Post**, scoffed at the idea that a lot of United Way money is being spent on salaries. "Far from being overpaid, salaried officials are underpaid," he said.

Correction

In the article headlined **Schochet probes the new morality (CJN, May 24)**, paragraph four should have read: "Discussing its weaknesses, the rabbi of Kielcer Congregation maintained that the school of the old guard (not God) of American Orthodoxy 'looked for compromise'."

And in paragraph seven, it should read: "The struggle exists between the new guard (not God) or militant Orthodoxy and the old guard (not god)."

Rabbi Schochet told **The Canadian Jewish News** the Orthodoxy he was referring to in his speech was "American Orthodoxy".

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TORONTO -

Nathan O. Hurwich, long time leader and worker on behalf of Israeli and local causes, has been elected President of the Toronto chapter, Canadian Friends of Bar-Ilan University, it was announced by Michael Zimmerman, national president and Philip F. Vineberg, chairman, Canadian Board of Overseers. Hurwich begins his office immediately.

Nathan O. Hurwich

Former chairman of the synagogue division of the Bond Campaign and the United Jewish Appeal Man of the Year in 1969, Hurwich brings a wealth of experience to his new assignment.

The former chairman of the board of governors of Beth Tzedec Congregation, he is national vice-president of the Jewish National Fund of Canada and a past president of Toronto Lodge B'nai B'rith. He is vice-chairman of the National Committee for Soviet Jewry and is a member of the executive committee of Associated Hebrew Schools, and the Zionist Organization of Canada and also is vice-president of the United Synagogues of America, Central Region.

In announcing the appointment, Zimmerman said, "we are indeed gratified that a man of the stature and ability of Nathan Hurwich has taken on this vital assignment. His commitment to Israel and the Jewish community will bring strength and vitality to the Friends of Bar-Ilan University."

Students sought to continue innovative Hebrew course

By LOUISE CORNBLUM

TORONTO -

For several years, parents called the Community Hebrew Academy to ask for a separate high school stream wherein students with no day school experience might study Hebrew at their own level while participating in the broader experience of a Jewish high school. Two years ago, with seven students eagerly presenting themselves for admission, the faculty decided to provide a special class.

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Thirteen students are now studying at both the grade 10 and grade 11 levels, and all plan to continue into the next grade. For each, the experiment has provided a chance at an enriching and valuable experience.

Vidal Keslassy, an immigrant from Morocco, would have had no chance for a day school education. He had studied Hebrew after school with the rabbi in Morocco. His load is heavy, weighted as it is with English language difficulties, but he is grateful for the opportunity.

Randi Zierler, a pretty blonde grade 11 student, emigrated to Toronto from a less remote area -- Sarnia, Ontario -- but she, too, had been limited to after-school study with her rabbi.

"I like the idea that I'm allowed to learn something that I've never had a chance to learn anywhere else -- and it's at our level," she said.

Many find it difficult to adjust, not to the Hebrew studies, but to the English. "Sometimes I feel it isn't worth it," Randi continued, "but in the end I know it will pay off."

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Delicatessens hurt by U.S. beef ban

By T. SCHNURMACHER

MONTREAL –

The inflational spiral which has long since made steak a luxury item for a "privileged" few is now hitting the deli sandwich counter.

The Canadian government recently announced a ban on the import of U.S. beef which is raised on feed containing the hormone DES. The Diephylsbestrol hormone has been linked by certain laboratory tests to cancer.

DES was banned in the United States on Jan. 1, 1973, but the prohibition was lifted two months ago after American cattlemen brought the matter before the courts. However, attempts are continuing to re-instate the ban.

Until then, the Canadian government will not permit any American beef into the country unless it has been certified by the American department of agriculture as being free from the DES hormone.

The U.S. agriculture department does not have the manpower to provide such certification and suggests the cattlemen arrange for their own method of certification.

Though the American cattlemen are more than willing to do their own certifying, the Canadian government is not prepared to take their word and the battle rages on. In the meantime, very little American beef is finding its way across the border and Canadian supplies are dwindling.

"If American smoked meat is good enough for 200 million Americans, then it's good enough for me," says garment manufacturer Alan Goldberg. "Besides, who wants to pay $1.25 for a smoked meat sandwich? "

Kosher smoked meat fans, however, are not affected. Montreal "Smoked Meat King" Lou Levitt who played a small role in **The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz** commented: "We use only locally-slaughtered beef and we have never imported American brisket."

But kosher meat always costs more anyway, so you can't win.

The cry of "one smoked meat on rye lean" will still resound through the delis of the land as always, but this time the meat will be lean. Very lean.

Kanee on Congress

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tent that this is happening they are moving into apparent competition with some traditional areas of Congress activity.

Kanee recalled that in Montreal, the AJCS and the Jewish Federation before it were never directly involved in formal education since the Jewish schools were funded by their own campaign. Congress has represented the schools in discussions with the Quebec authorities.

"Because of increased difficulties due to the changing policy of the Quebec government," Kanee said, "AJCS cannot avoid involvement in efforts to solve the school problem. It has a major role to play to ensure that Jewish education in our largest community is adequately funded."

Kanee expressed "surprise and annoyance" that while Congress has largely resolved the differences of recent years with other local and national organizations, new strains have now developed in its relations with AJCS.

Citing "conflict over local responsibility for Book Month or Music Month" he expressed the view that "it doesn't really matter who takes responsibility in these areas as long as constructive programs are undertaken."

Affirming his belief in "the closest kind of co-operation between Congress and the major welfare funds," Kanee expressed special satisfaction with the recent national budgeting conference between the Toronto Welfare Fund, AJCS, and Congress.

On the merger issue, he stated: "The notion of merger in Toronto, is now dormant, but not dead. In Montreal it is being talked up, and in Winnipeg we have achieved it."

The Winnipeg merger of Congress and the Welfare Fund, Kanee said, "has resulted in a more vibrant and broadly-based central organization. Younger people have already been attracted who were previously uninvolved. Congress and the Welfare Fund, which were in separate corners before, are now working within a single organization, which as the Winnipeg Jewish Community Council, is playing its full part in fund-raising for the first time in some years."

In addition to domestic pressures, Kanee stressed that "the increased needs of Israel have made it necessary for each community to examine its own affairs for the purpose of maximizing the results of its campaign efforts. It is important to avoid unnecessary local competition."

It is particularly "aggravating" he added, that "in one area of great vital concern and collective organizational failure -- the problem of involving Jewish youth -- we still continue to bicker over which organization should make the approach. This is going on without the realization that our youth are quite capable of making their own decisions."

Finally, the national president stressed that Congress "as the central national organization, has a vital role to play in partnership with major local organizations and in the partnership between Israel and Diaspora countries. For this purpose Congress must be assured of its share of community budgets."

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By MOURA WOLPERT
CJN Hamilton Correspondent

HAMILTON –

Temple Anshe Sholom last weekend played host to an Israeli art exhibition, which is travelling the world. Jacob Adler, Israeli art expert, critic and dealer, was here during the three-day exhibit to speak about the artists and their work.

Arrangements for the exhibition were made in Israel when two members of Temple Anshe Sholom's Fine Arts Committee, co-chairman Anne Minden and Anna Taylor, were on a tour of the country last February, with Adler as their guide. Sitting next to him at dinner one night in Haifa, Mrs. Taylor learned of his intention to tour North America with a selection of Israeli works and she and Mrs. Minden were able to arrange for Adler to include Hamilton in his tour.

Adler claims the best Israeli artists have so far refrained from showing their works on this continent because they consider most of the artists represented in these shows not good enough and the arrangements of these exhibitions too commercial.

Several Hamilton travellers to Israel, including Rabbi and Mrs. Bernard Baskin and Ernest and Liesl Neuberger, another arts committee member, contacted Adler and brought back a number of paintings to be included in the exhibition.

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Its Israeli meals are delicious but Famous Tel Aviv Restaurant can also soothe a troubled mind

By RUTH KAHANE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO -

You don't have to be hungry to come to the Famous-Tel Aviv Restaurant on Spadina Avenue. The Israeli meals are delicious, but the owner, Moshe Nachum, says his favorite offering is his ability to cook up a conversation, win a smile, or soothe a troubled mind.

The self-confident, nonchalant manner and the sense of diplomacy of this rugged-looking 42-year-old Israeli create a certain charisma. And somehow, people with problems find their way to this self-admitted Don Quixote-like figure. A 17-year-old girl, with mascara-brown tears rushing down her face, sits in a booth in the comfortable, homey atmosphere of the Famous. Moshe and one of the waitresses talk to her and say they'll help her find a job. And if she needs a place to stay, they'll help her find one. "In the meantime . . . don't cry, have some hot soup," Moshe urges her as he dashes salt and pepper into the bowl of steaming vegetable soup.

Though he bluntly says he can't run a welfare centre out of his restaurant, he has often taken problems to task that involve much of his time, energy, and diplomatic qualities.

One day in the restaurant, Nachum was talking with an Iraqi priest from the town of Leamington near Windsor, Ontario. Five hundred Arab families in this community wanted a church of their own, but they needed financial support. Nachum went to Leamington. Serving as the community's spokesman, he applied to the town authorities for aid. Shortly after, the community received the money they needed and established their church.

When Nachum jokes and gives instructions to his "favorite waitress," a bright and friendly young Lebanese woman who has come from the Leamington community to work for him, Arabic flows from his mouth as smoothly as do Hebrew and English. His grasp of this tongue makes Arab people feel at home in the Tel Aviv.

"About 35% of my customers are Arab," he explained to **The Canadian Jewish News**. "When I opened up this restaurant and called it the Tel Aviv, many people told me they thought it would bother a lot of Arabs. But I have faced them in every war since Israel was founded, and if I'm not afraid of them there, why should I be afraid of them here in Canada. They know me . . . and they come and eat in my restaurant from all over Ontario and the United States."

Nachum says the Jewish community should "not be so bitter" towards the Arabs here in Canada, and should be more aware of their problems. He states a belief that anti-Semitic stereotypes can be broken down if Arabs and Jews meet face-to-face.

"The Jewish community should be more patient and give them a chance. They come here to look for a better way of living, just like the Israelis who leave home . . . and we should give them every help we can. When you face the enemy, you can see the enemy is not dangerous."

Last year, Nachum single-handedly contested 11 Arab panel members on the television series **Crossfire**. He says the result of the confrontation was better understanding and overtures of friendship from the Arab panelists. "They took me out after the show to the Royal York, and then to their restaurant, The Jerusalem."

The struggle for improved relations between Jews and Arabs is something that can be worked at outside the Middle East, Nachum says. "Most Arabs don't even know what a Zionist means. They think it is like the El Fatah or Black September. I explain that Zionist is just a name for people who are helping other people . . . that like Salvation Army, or United Way, it is a name."

Though Nachum lives outside his native land, the battle that rages in the Middle East deeply concerns him. When he visited Israel for the High Holidays, he ended up staying for 5 1/2 months to serve as a pilot. Nachum first fought when he was 16, and now 26 years later, he is a colonel in the Israeli air force.

Nachum returned to his business here recently and is now in the process of setting up a new venture. The federal government accepted his tender for the concessions in the national park that will be opening up this summer in Toronto along the lake from Bathurst to York. He will operate three snack bars that will each seat about 200 people, and a 650-person outdoor coffee house with free entertainment. Work starts on the project June 1, if Nachum is satisfied there is adequate staff to operate the restaurants.

Nachum says . . . "Just to have the name of Tel Aviv hanging over the whole thing is my greatest pleasure."

Moshe Nachum - Israel-born owner of the Famous Tel Aviv. (David Groskind photo)

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Upper Galililee 'fascinating'

JERUSALEM -

I rode north recently, a ride to and through the Upper Galilee. I accompanied a friend who wanted to visit the daughter of friends. She was one of the many volunteers who has come to spend six months here, to work on a kibbutz, to help us out.

We went north via the coastal road, the new superhighway with the clover-leaf curves that confuse those of us not aware that going right will bring you left. I love travelling on new roads in Israel. I have such a personal sense of pride and satisfaction. These are my roads. Believe me I never had such a feeling when the famous Route 28 in my old stamping-grounds of New England was extended and improved. That was another road in another time, but this superhighway -- with its many lanes and lovely clear signs -- belongs to me. And in these days -- when we were so close to losing so much -- everything about Israel has become more precious.

Even the golf course at Caesarea fascinated me. It is the only golf course in Israel, supposedly a very good one. I cannot speak from personal experience since golf is one of the many sports which I have never mastered. However, the green growing so close to the ocean is impressive, clear testimony to our stubborness that not only can the desert bloom, but even sand-dunes can give way to lawn. This is the same type of stubborness which has us -- a mere three million -- able to fight against millions.

We stopped for a late breakfast at a coffee-house whose owner has made his fame and fortune on the ubiquitous pancake. I didn't try the fancy ones. I stuck with the simple basic kind, with maple syrup that may not have come from Vermont, but was a fairly good imitation. There are no typical Israeli foods really, just as there is no typical Israeli either. We come from many countries, from many different ethnic and cultural backgrounds. We're a collection of people with an unquenchable thirst to live in our own land -- no matter the cost, no matter the pain.

We stopped again at the edge of the Kinneret at the guest house of Kibbutz Ginossar. Yigal Allon, our deputy prime minister and minister of education, is a member of this kibbutz. It is very convenient for government officials to have kibbitz residences in which to entertain visiting dignitaries. It preserves the myth of the simple life which faded away with the first cost-of-living bonus. Yet, it added a tang to sit at Ginossar, to realize how delightfully small a country we are, a country where there are no secrets and where we all smilingly wave away the reality that Yigal is no more a "kibbutznik" than I am.

We sat in the guest-house and looked out across the Sea of Galilee, gazed at the tips of the settlements which rise so boldly and bravely on the ridges of the Golan Heights, the heights which suffered so much during what some now call the "black October days." The settlers have returned, disturbed that they ere evacuated, intent on re-building, on re-organizing, on assuring that a chain of civilian settlements be one of Israel's basic lines of defence.

I know those heights well. My daughter's Army group was stationed there a little over two years ago. It is such a small country -- wherever you go there is a part of you there. We know the north so well; we made the trip so many times -- to visit, to bring parcels, to share a little in her life up there.

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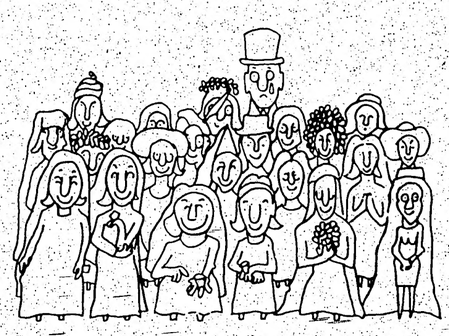
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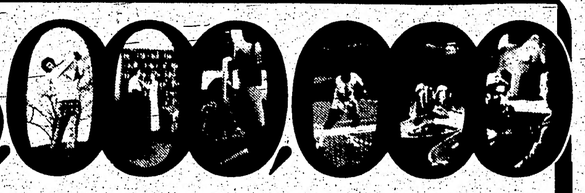
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Importance of security stressed

By T. SCHNURMACHER

MONTREAL –

The security of the state and people of Israel is the greatest problem facing world Jewry today, according to Dr. Immanuel Jakobovits, chief rabbi of the British Commonwealth.

He made his remarks to a small group of Jewish community leaders at the Beth Ora Synagogue in St. Laurent. Rabbi Jakobovits was visiting Montreal for rabbinical consultations to establish closer ties between Canadian and British Jewry.

The chief rabbi commenting on the Maalot massacre said: "I am shattered by this unparalleled tragedy which makes us all mourners for our children.

"I was at Kiryat Shemonah shortly after the attack there and the anguish was indescribable. One cannot truly comprehend such horrific events just by reading the papers.

"It is a great shame that the world community permits such murderers to get away unpunished. Some governments even hail the terrorists as heroes and yet they are still member countries of the United Nations.

"It is at times like these that Israel and the Diaspora are truly close together. During the Yom Kippur War, Israel's friends in Asia and Africa deserted her in her time of need. Israel can count only on the Jewish communities of the world and these communities know their own security depends on the safety of Israel."

'Youth drifting from Jewish causes'

By DEBORAH LIGHTSTONE

MONTREAL -

"The sons are not like the fathers . . . their money, concern and involvement are drifting away from Israel and from Jewish causes."

This remark, made to **The Canadian Jewish News** by a prominent and veteran Jewish community leader, is a frightening thought to all those vitally concerned with the survival of Israel and of Jewish identity in the Diaspora.

Gary Moscowitz, chairman of the Leadership Development Committee, Allied Jewish Community Services' (AJCS) main vehicle for recruiting and training future leadership, commented: "There seem to be two extremes and a vacuum in the middle."

He elaborated: "Numerically more Jews went to Israel during and after the Yom Kippur War than did in 1967, but at the same time there were also more who showed no concern at all."

In an attempt to bridge the gap, the 18-year-old Leadership Development Committee has launched annually since 1960 a community orientation course designed to equip individuals who have shown some involvement in the community, with basic knowledge of AJCS and its constituent agencies, as well as of the position and relationship of these to the total Jewish community.

Explained Chairman Moscowitz: "While ideally our courses should aim at everybody, practically, the main thrust is to catch those who are already interested and retain them, and then if possible, find some within the vacuum whom we can tangibly involve and sensitize."

According to Moscowitz, besides participation in seminars, the 29 men and women in their mid-20s are exposed to the nitty-gritty of AJCS functioning, for instance by attending, as observers, committee and board meetings.

This year the average age of the group is almost five years below that in the past, and there is a hope that by creating younger leaders, AJCS will be able to communicate better with the new generation of Montrealers.

A second change in 1974 is that one third of the course participants are French-speaking.

Instead of separate French and English series as before, meetings are now carried on in both languages, reflecting the determination of AJCS to work together with the North African Jews who have settled here, while not obliging them to submerge their own identity.

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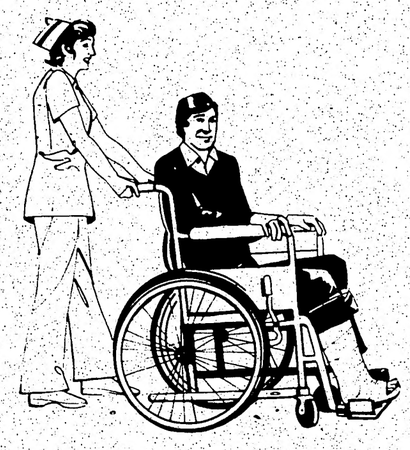

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Fight for Congress presidency

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which face the Canadian community such as Eskimo and Indian rights, and bilingualism."

In an interview, Meyer, 46, said he would not give a definite decision one way or the other until an Eastern Region meeting a week prior to the convention. "A large number of people have asked me if I'd run . . . but there are a number of unknown factors that have to be clarified," he explained.

It appears Meyer is hesitating to enter the race until he is satisfied there's a good chance of winning.

If elected to the presidency, Meyer said, among other things, he would try to resolve the internal problems of Congress.

Prior to his term as treasurer, the native Montrealer was chairman of the CJC national foreign affairs committee. He's been active in Congress for more than a decade.

He is also a labor arbitrator, and a member of the Council of Universities of Quebec and the McGill University board of governors.

Meanwhile, the Central Region council, meeting here last week, endorsed the nomination of Milton Harris as regional chairman. A caucus during the Plenary Assembly will decide on the region's officers.

A native of London, Ont., Harris, 43, came to Toronto three years ago. He is currently regional vice-chairman, chairman of Congress' and the United Jewish Welfare Fund of Toronto's personnel committees. In London, he was president of the Jewish community council and a member of the city's board of education. He is in the steel business in Stoney Creek, Ont.

Wax elected

MONTREAL –

Dr. Sydney Wax, a Toronto physician and lecturer on art at the University of Toronto, was elected national president of the Labor Zionist Movement of Canada at the close of the 12th triennial convention in the Sheraton Mt. Royal Hotel. He was formerly a vice-president.

Bonds error

In an article submitted by Israel Bonds, page 8, issue of May 24th, Rabbi Y. Kerzner was incorrectly identified as "Bond chairman, Rabbinic Assembly." This should have been "chairman, Orthodox Rabbis for Israel Bonds."

Top results

TORONTO –

Nearly $200,000 in Israel Bonds sold to their members capped the joint efforts of two of the younger Orthodox congregations in Toronto, Beth Jacob and B'nai Tora at their Shomer Israel dinner held recently, at Beth Jacob Synagogue.

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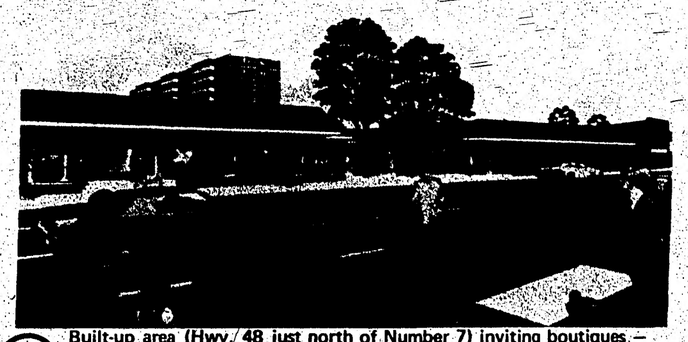
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Audience held spellbound by Sarah Aviani's voice

By RICK KARDONNE

At a time in which not only Israel but also world Jewry as a whole is being confronted by open hostility from the rest of the world, it is most important that we do all that we can to unite the soul of the Jewish people in every possible way. One of the best ways to do this is through Israeli music, and one of the best people who can do this is Sarah Aviani, who performed to a full, enthusiastic audience at Beth Tzedec on May 23.

Ms. Aviani is strikingly attractive, sings in a smoothly sensuous yet intimately compassionate voice, and can instantly establish a casual rapport with her audience. This she did, and as a result, she immediately got people of all ages responding to her. Backed up by Boaz Aviani on guitar and her husband, Shlomo Rabinovici (also a prolific Israeli composer) on accordian, Ms. Aviani accurately related the musical mood of Israel today -- sad, brutally honest, yet desperately hopeful for peace.

The best part of her program was her rendition of the three most well-known hits of the Yom Kippur War: **A Letter from Mama** (to her son who has won three stripes as a sergeant but she does not know what they signify), **The Last War** (from a grandfather veteran of four wars to his grandson) and **Loo Y'Hee (Let It Be)**. Her version of Naomi Shemer's contemporary classic is softer and more melancholy than is Chava Alberstein's version, but equally moving in its impact.

Sarah Aviani's sincere delivery of these Israeli ballads was truly beautiful and held the audience spellbound; she did not have to conclude her concert with a medley of three corny American folk songs. She's much too good for that. I would have liked to have heard her do more contemporary Israeli songs instead.

Preceding her was the chamber-music Jerusalem Trio, consisting of pianist Emanuel Krasovsky, cellist David Sella and violinist Yuval Waldman. Their opening selection, by contemporary Israeli composer Joachim Tuchevsky, was a highly inspiring blend of Ravel and traditional Eastern European Jewish motifs; musically, it far overshadowed their other selections, despite the trio's impeccable technique. I would have liked to have heard all of the selections after the Tuchevsky piece replaced by more contemporary, serious Israeli music.

Entertainers urged to visit

Show business recovering

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By RICK KARDONNE

According to a recent issue of **Variety** magazine, show business in Israel is beginning to make a healthy recovery since the war. Theatre in Tel Aviv, mostly light comedy, is doing surprisingly well; heading a list of several sold-out shows is a new play by Ephraim Kishon entitled **Hey Julia**. Music and dance activity is also picking up, with frequent appearances by both the Israel Philharmonic and the Batsheva Dance Troupe at the front lines.

However, the trauma of both the war and the post-war diplomatic rip off continues to hang heavy over Israel in this period of low national morale. This brings me to another important point raised by the **Variety** article -- the continued great need for foreign entertainers to go to Israel to give benefit performances there, especially in the hospitals, where thousands of wounded veterans, many of them crippled for life, are to be found. This great need was emphasized by actress Gila Almagor in a recent American publicity tour.

I fully agree with this need, and would like to see every single North American Jewish entertainer, from Barbra Streisand on down to college-age rock and jazz groups, visit Israel within the next month to perform both in the hospitals and on the Syrian front. The big names can pay their own expenses; the lesser-known entertainers should have their transportation financed by the Israel Emergency Fund.

The positive effect which this mass action would have on national morale would be tremendous. But besides that, it would provide a great opportunity for many North American Jewish entertainers to have a first-hand look at Israel's entertainment scene with the idea in mind of Tel Aviv becoming a home base eventually for not only Israeli pop culture but for Jewish culture all over the world.

I've always believed that a culturally thriving Israel will attract both revenue and immigration as well as the maximum Jewish soul support all over the world. Let's turn this emergency call for foreign Jewish benefit entertainers into a golden opportunity to initiate Tel Aviv as the true world Jewish cultural centre.

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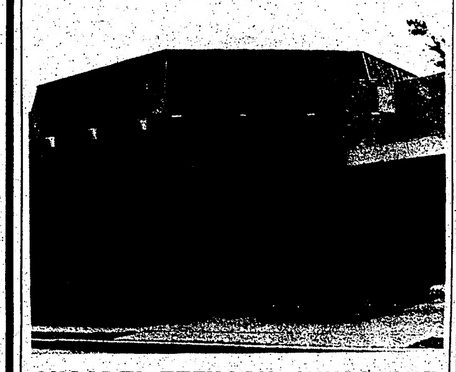

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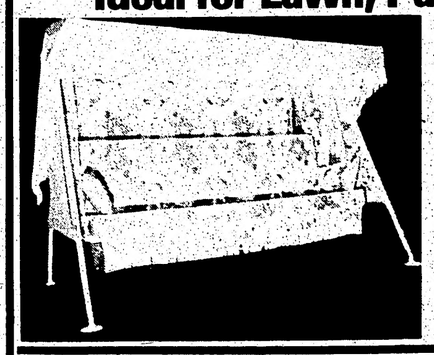

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